

Local Chapter Activity Report at the 11th UNISEC–Global Meeting



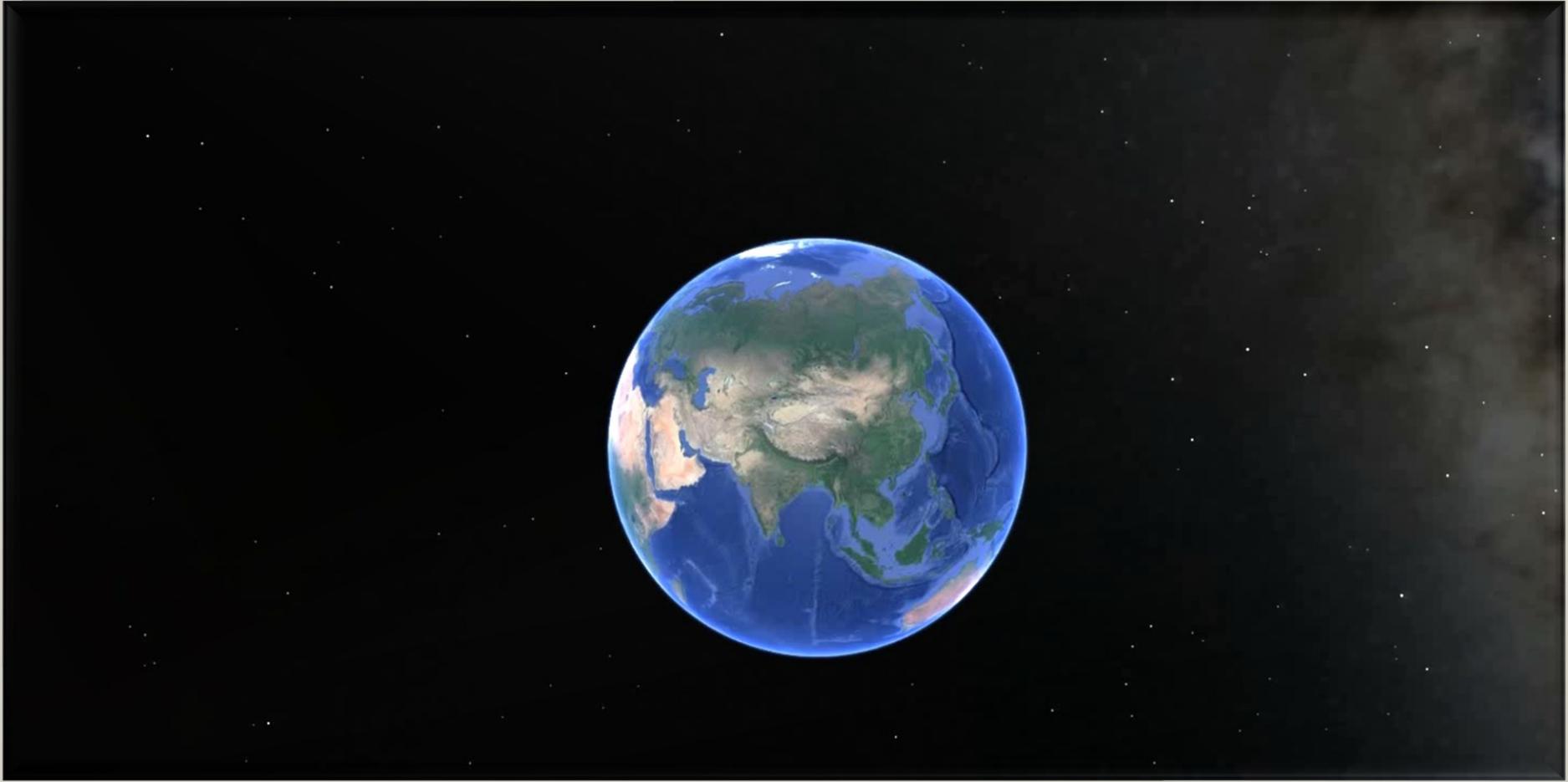
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History of Local Chapter Activities



Established in 2014

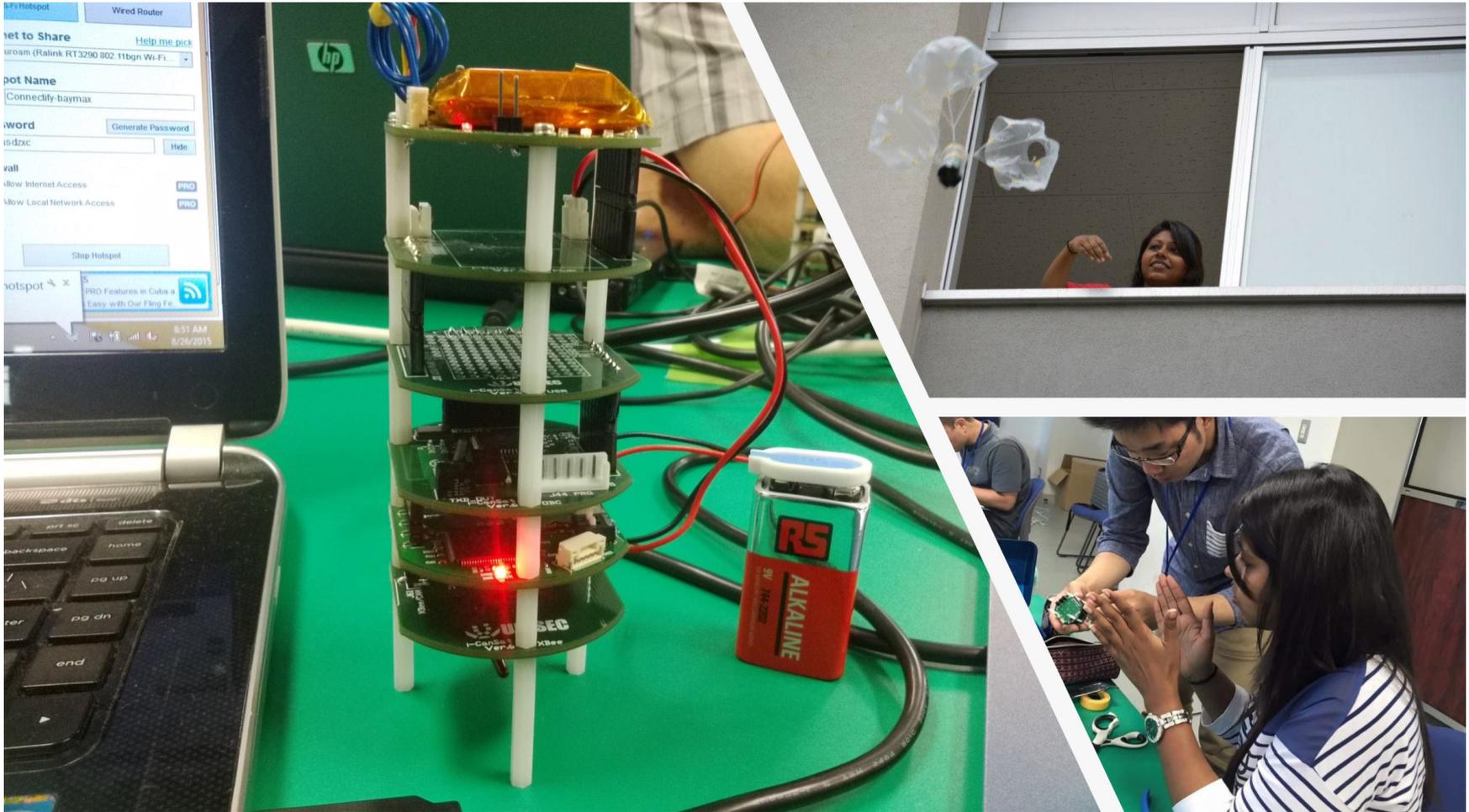
CANSAT LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM GRADUATE

CLTP6 (2015)



RAIHANA SHAMS ISLAM ANTARA

CURRENTLY WORKING AS AN EDUCATOR IN BANGLADESH



Model Rocket Design, launch and operation 2015



CLTP GRADUATE 2015, 2022, 2023



Launched in 2017

BRAC Onnesha 1st Satellite of Bangladesh



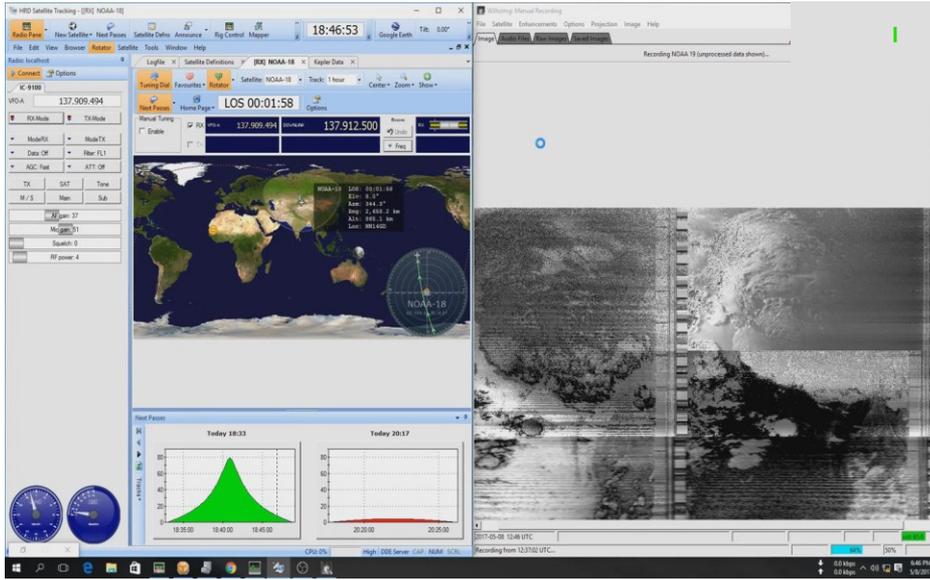
Made by Bangladeshi



3 Engineers of BRAC Onnesha Satellite.
From Left – Abdulla Hil Kafi, Raihana Shams Islam Antara & Maisun
Ibn Monowar

Design, Developed and Tested by Bangladeshi

1st Student built ground station 2017



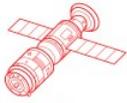
VR GAME 2021

Play



First International Space Workshop in Bangladesh
4th BIRDS International Workshop, 2019

TimeLine



2015

2017

2017

2018

2019

2020-21

2022

2023-24

Model Rocket Design, launch and operation training
CLTP 6

Launched into space the **first Satellite of Bangladesh, BRAC Onnesha**

Established **first student-made satellite ground station** in Bangladesh

ACI Youth Award
First-Ever **CANSAT workshop, Satellite Mission Idea Contest**

"4th BIRDS INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP" & Established the **one and only IEEE Aerospace and Electronic Systems Society Chapter** in Bangladesh

Design and develop the **first Space-based Virtual Reality Game** for Satellite Education And Learning And indigenous **Satellite training KIT design**

IAF Emerging Space Leader 2022,
Bracu Research Seed Grant 2022,
Bracu Dichari won the perseverance award in ERL2022
CLTP 11

IAF Emerging Space Leader 2022,
Bracu Research Seed Grant 2024,
CLTP 12



UNISEC-Global Activities in 2024-25



- Member Universities: 2
- Students: 30
- POC: 3
- Others (Corporative members): IEEE AESS, LaSSET



Laboratory of Space Systems Engineering & Technology
School of Engineering, BRAC University



Educational Kit

Satellite Training Kit- V1
2020-2021



Satellite Training Kit- V2
2022-2023



Dipto



Dipto is a STEM-based startup that designs affordable nano-satellite training kits to make satellite education accessible.

Achievements:

- Sheikh Jamal Innovation Grant 2024 by ICT Division: Secured 5th position and received seed fund grant.
- University Innovation Hub Program (UIHP) Cohort 1 : Secured 3rd place and received seed fund grant.



Fig: Sheikh Jamal Innovation Grant

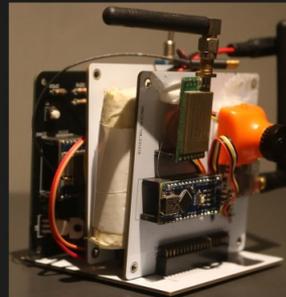


Fig: Training kit developed by Dipto



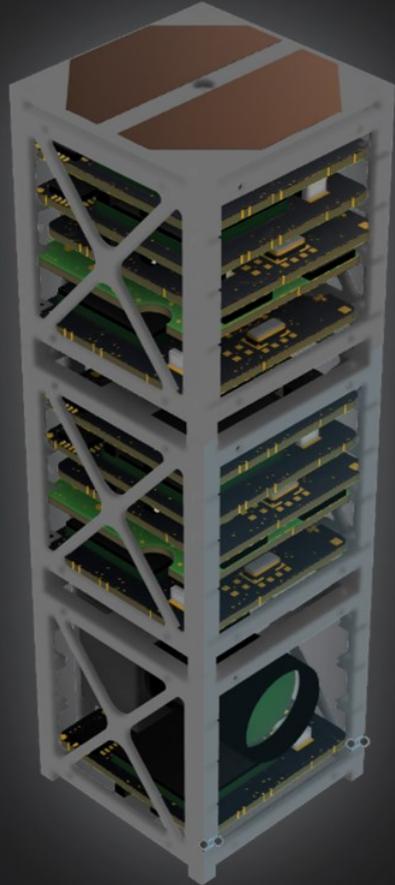
Fig: University Innovation Hub Program



•Publications:

- Catalyzing Space Technology Development in Bangladesh: A Space System Engineering Training Initiative, International Astronautical Congress 2024, Milan
- A Low-Cost Satellite Kit to Bridge the Educational and Technological Gap in Developing Countries, International Astronautical Congress 2025, Sydney





BD-BRACU Mavericks

APSCO CubeSat Competition

Team Lead
Mission Payload
[Camera Mission & SEL]



EPS



Structure & OBC



Team Management



Communication



Ground Station



ADCS



Publications:

- BRACU DIGANTA: An Affordable and Inclusive CanSat Kit for Hands-on Training of Introductory level Students in Developing Countries, International Astronautical Congress 2025, Sydney

Outreach:

- Conducting bootcamps and workshops at schools and colleges to promote space awareness and STEM-based learning.



Fig: Paper presentation at IAC 2025, Sydney



Fig: Interactive session with students



Fig: Outreach program with a high-school

Cansat Competition 2025



Video: Testing of CanSat Descent



Video: Launch at Virginia by AAS



Video: Workshop by Diganta



Video: Assembly of CanSat Learning Kit

The American Astronautical Society (AAS) has organized an annual **student design-build-launch competition** for space-related topics

Research seed grant for innovation (RSGI)

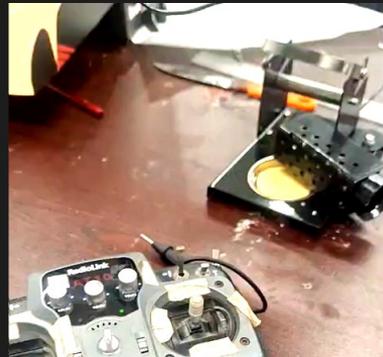
An RSGI-funded project by BRAC University focused on developing a propeller-based rocket thruster.

Publications:

- Design and optimization of propeller-based Thrust Vector Control mechanism using PID and sensor fusion techniques, International Astronautical Congress 2025, Sydney



Fig: Propeller based thruster with control system



Video: Four directional gyro control gimble



Video: Contrarotating BLDC thruster

Plan for 2025-26 and beyond

Vision

To make Bangladesh a regional hub for hands-on space systems education, innovation, and collaboration aligned with UNISEC-Global's mission.

Strategic Goals (2025–2030)

- Expand to 6+ universities and 100+ members
- Institutionalize CubeSat, CanSat, and Rocketry training
- Launch collaborative research on space edge computing
- Establish UNISEC-Bangladesh Foundation Fund

Key Initiatives

- National Space Training Network with LaSSET & IEEE AESS
- Annual HEPTA-Sat and CanSat workshops
- BRACU-Diganta 2.0 & Bangladesh CubeSat Initiative
- Space for All Festival and Women in STEM programs

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